

We understand that many people have concerns related to the devastating Los Angeles fires. Below are key points shared by Montecito Water District's General Manager Nick Turner:

Water Supply is Robust and Reservoirs are Nearly Full.

The 3-year water supply outlook is favorable due to two years of abundant rain and planning for resilience. Key points on District preparedness:

- Eight fully operational reservoirs keep 10 million gallons at-the-ready during fire conditions, and access to regional reservoirs more than doubles this capacity.
- District infrastructure is in service, operational, and continuously monitored.
- Backup power generators are in place to activate automatically upon power failure, averting water service interruptions.
- 880 public fire hydrants District-wide are maintained regularly in collaboration with Montecito and Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection Districts.
- Staff closely monitors weather and adjusts reservoir levels based on changing conditions. Dedicated personnel are equipped to respond quickly and make system repairs if needed.

Drought is Here Again.

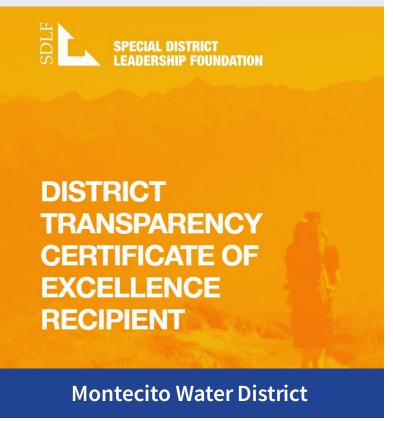
Dry conditions increase fire risk. Public water systems are built to supply water for fighting fires in residential areas of limited scale, not large-scale fast-moving wildfires, and may not be sufficient under all conditions.

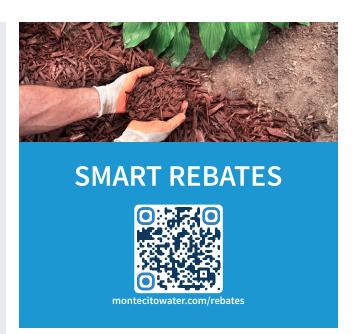
Community safety is a team effort—please stay alert and take every precaution to stay safe.



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